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According to Indian Ambassador the Laotian Government at Cabinet meeting yesterday decided:

(a) Not (repeat not) to send observer to SEATO;

(b) Not (repeat not) to accept into Laos additional marine helicopters which the Americans have assembled at Udorn Thailand. General tendency in Cabinet was to oppose any American attempts to step up the war.

2. The French learned yesterday that a United States aircraft belonging to United States Air Attaché Saigon has been shot down over Plain of Jars. Seven out of the eight personnel on board, believed to include visiting VIP officers, were killed. The Americans are keeping this very secret for the present.

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